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君に言えないコトバ
秘密のそのあと
HIMITSU NO SONO ATO
キミと過ごすこの時間が
続けばいいと思うのは…私だけ…？
大谷華代
おおたにはなよ

I, NARUSE RYOUKO,
WILL NOW...
ALRIGHTY!

"NOW, IF YOU, NARUSE, DON'T DO THESE EXTRA ASSIGNMENTS OVER THE BREAK, YOU'LL HAVE TO REPEAT THIS YEAR FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS."
"SO, STARTING TOMORROW WILL BE THE BREAK FROM TESTING."
I'M IN A HUGE PINCH!
BUT ...
I ACTUALLY FORGOT THOSE ASSIGNMENTS!
STRUGGLE
Eeeek
JUST A LITTLE MORE!
STRUGGLE
... EVEN THOUGH FOR NOW, IT'S ONLY MATH AND SCIENCE
SNEAK INTO THE SCHOOL, AT NIGHT!!!
CRASP
... WITH THAT SAID ...
CLASS I-A
SCIENCE AND MATH DIVISION

WHY AM I SO...?
?!
I'M NO ONE SUSPICIOUS BY NO MEANS!
UHHH! YOU'RE MISTAKEN; I'VE ONLY JUST COME TO GET MY ASSIGNMENTS
... HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE ?!
EEEHHHH?!
YOU'RE SUSPICIOUS
ANYWAY, COME WITH ME!
EXCU-
...
THE GUARD?!

... EH?
WHAT THE?
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP.
JUST COME WITH ME
GUARD
4 3 Naruse 2 1 General Knowledge Test
AH!
THIS GUY ...

NARUSE!
HE'S THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE OF ME
WE HAVE THE SAME LAST NAME,
BUT HE'S SO SMART, EVEN WITH GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.
SHOCK
SHOCK
AMAZING, HE'S ONE OF THE SUPERIORS AGAIN
AH!
NEXT TIME, CAN YOU TEACH ME...
GOSH
HE HAS GOOD GRADES, YET HE DOESN'T STAND OUT MUCH
HE'S SUCH AN ADULT.
Can't even talk to him
YOU'RE SOOOO SMART, NARUSE!
HE'S THE ONE I THOUGHT WAS REALLY AMAZING.
Umm
... HUH?
BUT...

Push
IF YOU HAVE A PART-TIME ...
I THOUGHT YOU COULD GET EXPELLED...
Hey!
YOU WOULD KNOW ME.
I DIDN'T THINK...
?!!
WHOOSH
NOW THAT YOU KNOW,

EH...
I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO HOME SO EASILY NOW.
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO ME?!
Waaah!
Glower
EEEHHH!!!
U-U-UHM!
...HEY.
THAT THING THAT YOU MENTIONED.

HOW LONG DO YOU HAVE THE "ASSIGNMENT" FOR?
.....
...WHA?
WHAT THE?
I HAVE ALL BREAK TO DO IT...
GUARD
GOT IT.
I'LL HELP YOU ON IT.
IN EXCHANGE, YOU BETTER NOT TELL ANYONE ABOUT MY JOB.
?!
THEN, EVEN IF YOU DON'T HELP, I WON'T...
GLOWER
LIKE HELL I CAN BELEIVE YOU.
No way.
NO MATTER WHAT...

I CAN'T AFFORD TO QUIT MY JOB...
ALL FOR MY FAMILY'S SAKE.
FOR HIS FAMILY...
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS AT SCHOOL, ESPECIALLY -?
THE CIRCUM-STANCES ARE GOOD.
HOURLY WAGE IS GOOD.
BREAKS ARE LONG.
PLUS, IT'S AT NIGHT.
SOUNDS TOUGH
HE REALLY IS
AMAZING.
...SO,
YOU UP FOR THE BARGAIN?
MAYBE...

I'VE COME TO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT NARUSE-KUN?
YEAH.
I HOPE TO GET ALONG DURING THE BREAK.
...OR SO I THOUGHT.
ARE YOU...
REALLY IN THE SCIENCE AND MATH DEPARTMENT?
EH!
ER, WELL... I JUST THOUGHT YOUR IMAGE WAS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I'VE BEEN HEARING...
You speak so frankly.
What?
WELL, DUH.
"HE HAS GOOD GRADES,"
"YET HE DOESN'T STAND OUT MUCH."
WHAT NOW?
MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE UP ON THIS AFTER ALL.
... BUT ...
GLO-
OM
AT THIS LEVEL, I CAN SEE WHY YOU'RE ON THE BRINK OF REPEATING A YEAR.
YOU'RE WAY TOO BAD AT THIS.

Stare...
I TRY NOT TO STAND OUT IN SCHOOL.
Let's see...
EE HH ?!
Why?!
IF I GET INVOLVED WITH OTHERS,
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, WORD WILL GET OUT ABOUT MY JOB.
...DOESN'T THAT MEAN...

REALIZE
...HE'LL GET LONELY...?
UHM!
I'LL BE YOUR COUNSELOR FOR LIFE MATTERS, NO MATTER HOW LITTLE IT MAY BE!
THIS IS THE ONLY THING I CAN DO FOR YOU...
...
WHA?
BECAUSE,
I already know your secret so
YOU CAN TELL ME, RIGHT?

DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR "GONNA-REPEAT-A-YEAR PROBLEM," NOT FOR ME.
.....
STUPID GIRL.
WOAH...
—OOPS, GOTTA STOP FOR TODAY.
Patrol time.
OKAY.
Hey
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GET OVER HERE ALREADY
HE CAN ACTUALLY MAKE SUCH A FACE.

I'VE REALLY ...
GOTTEN TO KNOW NARUSE-KUN QUITE A BIT.
I THINK...
SUCH A SERIOUS FACE.
AFTER SPENDING A DAY WITH HIM
IT FEELS LIKE ...
GOT IT.
IT'S DARK, SO BE CAREFUL.
I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE GATES.
WHILE I'M PATROLLING,

SFX: Thud
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS HIM THIS MUCH.
HEY! ARE YOU OKAY?!
OW
YOU WEREN'T LOOKING AHEAD WHEN YOU WERE WALKING, WERE YOU?
Normally you wouldn't run into that kind of thing.
BUT,
Sorry!
I COULDN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU.
Haaah
SHEESH.
HERE.

大谷華代
明けましておめでとうございます。
今年もどうぞよろしくお願いします。

FIRST SHOT 恋の矢 2-3 小冊子
SHOT 1 連載開始 大谷華代 先生へ

THANK YOU.
I STILL ...
WANNA KNOW MORE ABOUT NARUSE-KUN.
IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
IT'LL BE A PROBLEM FOR ME IF YOU SPILL THE BEANS.
THINK OF THIS AS A PART OF THE BARGAIN

MAYBE I REALLY AM STUPID,
THINKING THAT IT MADE ME HAPPY...
BUT,
DE-SPITE THAT, I...
THIS ONE?
?
..AND SO,
THIS GRAPH IS WITH THIS ONE.
DRAG
Dash!
NO, NO, THE OPPOSITE ONE.
THIS ONE?
?
Aaaaa!
IT'S THIS ONE! IT'S HARD TO IDENTIFY...
?
SOME-THING WRONG ?
EVEN SO...
...
NOPE,
NOTHING AT ALL.

Sigh
...AT THIS RATE,
I'M GLAD THE ASSIGNMENT IS ALMOST OVER WITH.
YEAH.
NOW ALL THE PROBLEMS ARE DONE PERFECTLY.
Blush
H-HE'S SO CLOSE!
Thu-thump
TOWARDS NARUSE-KUN, I...
Thu-thump

...IT'S OVER...
...? YOU'RE NOT HAPPY?
Y-YEAH, I'M HAPPY!
NOW I DON'T HAVE TO REPEAT A YEAR...
...BUT,
NOW I CAN'T BE WITH NARUSE-KUN ANYMORE...
RISE
...
IS THERE ANY PLACE WITHIN THE SCHOOL YOU WANNA GO TO?
WHA?
SINCE THIS IS OUR LAST TIME,
I'LL USE MY PRIVILEGES AS A GUARD.

I'LL TAKE YOU WHEREVER YOU WANT.
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE DIVISON I-C
Whoa!
So this is your classroom?
IT'S NARUSE-KUN'S CLASS-ROOM.
PAT
Is this your desk?
I'll take a seat!
SINCE...
THIS IS GOOD!
...YOU SURE THIS PLACE IS OKAY?
There are other places, like the rooftop or whatever

YOU FINALLY SMILED.
SO THIS IS WHAT HE SEES.
YOU LOOKED BUMMED OUT ALL DAY.
EH...?
...THEN,
WAS FOR MY SAKE?
THE REASON YOU TOOK ME HERE...
IF YOU STAYED LIKE THAT, I WOULD FEEL BAD.
...BESIDES,

SFX: Thump
THIS IS LIKE A THANKS FOR THAT
I KNEW IT.
I DON'T...
WHEN I WAS WITH YOU, SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER,
I HAD FUN.
WANT IT TO BE THIS WAY.
...HEY,
TOMORROW...

CAN I COME HERE AGAIN?
Thu-thump
Thu-thump
PLEASE...!
Thu-thump
SORRY.
BUT HERE
GUARD

RISE
SORRY ABOUT THAT. I'M GONNA GO HOME NOW.
.....
IT'LL BE BAD IF...
PEOPLE FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR JOB.
...YOU'RE RIGHT.
I KNEW IT.
TO NARUSEKUN, IT WAS ALL PART OF THE ORDEAL.
WHA-
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ONLY THAT MUCH...
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A BURDEN

SOB
I GOTTA TRY HARDER.
THIS TIME, I'LL ACTUALLY GET TO KNOW HIM.
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE DIVISION
I-C
THIS TIME, I'LL TELL HIM THAT I LIKE HIM.
WHAT AM I MISUNDERSTANDING?

I REALLY DID COME HERE AFTER ALL.
AH, NARUSE-KUN'S NOT HERE
SOMEHOW,
IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYTHING UNTIL YESTERDAY WAS A DREAM.
EXCUSE ME, IS NARUSE-KUN HERE?
NARUSE?
AAHH!
YEAH, NARUSE...
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN
HE REALLY DOESN'T HAVE A PRESENCE
IT LOOKS LIKE HE QUIT SCHOOL.

I THINK IT WAS BECAUSE OF HIS FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES.
...EH?
YOU'RE KIDDING...!
Clench
!
THAT CAN'T BE!
NARUSE-KUN!!!
NARUSE...
GAZE
-KUN...
...NO...

I DON'T WANT THINGS TO END IN SUCH A HEART-BREAKING WAY...
!
WE CAN'T... SEE EACH OTHER ANYMORE?
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MATH AND SCIENCE DIVISION II-A
RYOOOOUKO!

GOOD THING YOU TOOK UP THAT OFFER.
SERIOUSLY, I WAS WONDERING WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO YOU.
...YEP.
THIS IS ALL THANKS TO NARUSE-KUN.
..I WANTED TO THANK HIM.
?
AS A RESULT,
I ENDED UP NOT KNOWING WHERE HE WENT...
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HIS PHONE NUMBER.
OR HIS ADDRESS.
I WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM. BUT...
T/N HR: Homeroom
HR
HR's starting now!

I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING AT ALL...
AH, NO, NO!
I CAN'T CRY WHEN THE NEW SEMESTER JUST STARTED!
IF...
WE GOT A NEW STUDENT TODAY. PLUS, IT'S A SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT.
Come on in!
GLANCE
I COULD MEET NARUSE-KUN ONE MORE TIME,
I WOULD DEFINITELY, DEFINITELY...
WITHOUT EVEN THINKING,

Gasp
EH...ooo?
THIS TIME, I'LL TELL HIM THAT I LIKE HIM...
IF YOU LOOK OUT THE WINDOW THE ENTIRE TIME LIKE THAT,
YOU'LL TOTALLY REPEAT THIS YEAR.
YOU'RE THE SAME AS USUAL, AREN'T YA?

I TOOK THE ADMISSION EXAM FOR THIS DIVISION.
AND THAT WAS DAMN DIFFICULT.
WH- ... WHY ...?
WHY WOULD YOU...?
BEING A SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT WOULD BE GOOD FOR MY TUITION,
...BESIDES,
Shock
Shock
I COULDN'T JUST LEAVE YOU ALONE.

I WON'T HESITATE THIS TIME.
NARUSE-KUN...
PUTTING ALL MY FEELINGS INTO IT,
I LOVE YOU!

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